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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 26, with the following paragraph:

Polyclonal antibodies directed against the murine c-kit have been reported [*Cellular Biology* 8:4896-4903 (1988)], but it is not known whether these antibodies will cross react with the human c-kit, whether they will block binding of SCF to its receptor, or whether they will affect cell growth. A polyclonal antibody raised against a human c-kit carboxy terminal peptide has also been reported [*EMBO J.* 6:3341-3351 (1987)], but these antibodies would not block SCF binding to the receptor. A monoclonal antibody that recognizes human SCF receptors has been reported [Lerner et al., *Blood* 76 (Suppl):295a, (1990); Ashman et al., *Leukemia Res.* 12:923-928 (1988); Cambaseri et al., *Leukemia Res.* 12:929-939 (1988); Gadd and Ashman, *Leukemia Res.* 11:1329-1336 (1985)].